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member with respect to the housing in response to a rotational movement of the motor (7), which screw mechanism (5) comprises a screw (11), a nut (14) engaging each other by rolling elements (13), one of said screw (11) and nut (14) being rotatably supported with respect to the housing (17), and a reduction gear means (6), wherein the nut (14) is axially fixed with respect to the housing (17), and the screw (11) is rotatably supported with respect to the housing by means of the rolling elements (13).

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6. (Amended) Actuator according to claim 4, wherein the reduction gear means comprises at least one of a planetary gear reduction step (25-28) and a right angle gear reduction step (28-31).

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18. (Amended) Actuator according to claim 17, wherein the sun gear wheel (28) of the reduction gear means (6) is connected to a bevel gear (29) which mates with a motor gear, by an angled or right angled gear transmission (32).

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24. (Amended) Actuator according to claim 1, wherein balls or rollers (13) of the screw mechanism (5) are coated so as to maintain the proper function of the screw (11) under dry-running conditions with a diamond-like carbon coating.

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending. By this amendment, the specification and claims 1, 6, 18 and 24 are amended, and Fig. 1 is corrected by the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that claims 3, 7, 10 and 18-20 contain allowable subject matter.

I. The Drawings Satisfy Formal Requirements